

# Random Averaging

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# Plan

I. Averaging

II. Restricted averaging

III. Diffusive averaging

IV. Orientational averaging

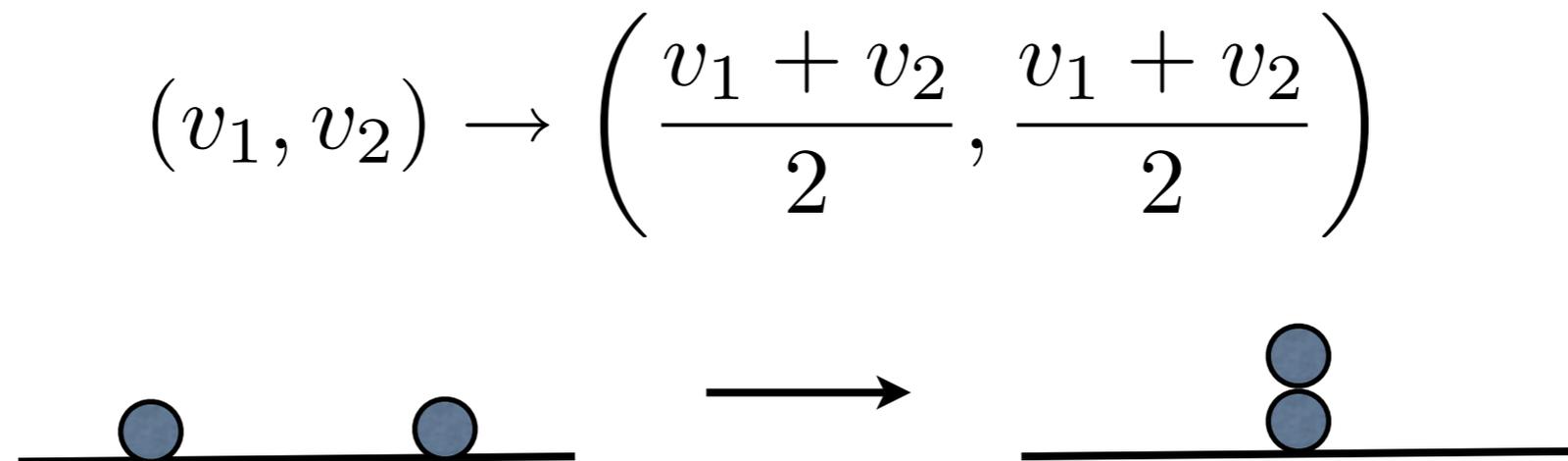
# Themes

1. Scaling and multiscaling
2. Cascades
3. Pattern formation and bifurcations
4. Phase transitions and synchronization

# 1. Averaging

# The basic averaging process

- N identical particles (grains, billiard balls)
- Each particle carries a number (velocity)  $v_i$
- Particles interact in pairs (collision)
- Both particles acquire the average (inelastic)



# Conservation laws & dissipation

- Total number of particles is conserved
- Total momentum is conserved

$$\sum_{i=1}^N v_i = \text{constant}$$

- Energy is dissipated in each encounter  $E_i = \frac{1}{2}v_i^2$

$$\Delta E = \frac{1}{4}(v_1 - v_2)^2$$

We expect the velocities to shrink

# Some details

- Dynamic treatment

Each particle collides once per unit time

- Random interactions

The two colliding particles are chosen randomly

- Infinite particle limit is implicitly assumed

$$N \rightarrow \infty$$

- Process is galilean invariant  $x \rightarrow x + x_0$

Set average velocity to zero  $\langle x \rangle = 0$

# The temperature

- Definition

$$T = \langle v^2 \rangle$$

- Time evolution = exponential decay

$$\frac{dT}{dt} = -\lambda T$$

$$T = T_0 e^{-\lambda t}$$
$$\lambda = \frac{1}{2}$$

- All energy is eventually dissipated

- Trivial steady-state

$$P(v) \rightarrow \delta(v)$$

# The moments

- Kinetic theory

$$\frac{\partial P(v, t)}{\partial t} = \iint dv_1 dv_2 P(v_1, t) P(v_2, t) \left[ \delta \left( v - \frac{v_1 + v_2}{2} \right) - \delta(v - v_1) \right]$$

- Moments of the distribution

$$M_n = \int dv v^n P(v, t)$$

$$\begin{aligned} M_0 &= 1 \\ M_{2n+1} &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

- Closed nonlinear recursion equations

$$\frac{dM_n}{dt} + \lambda_n M_n = 2^{-n} \sum_{m=2}^{n-2} \binom{n}{m} M_m M_{n-m}$$

- Asymptotic decay

$$\lambda_n < \lambda_m + \lambda_{n-m}$$

$$M_n \sim e^{-\lambda_n t} \quad \text{with} \quad \lambda_n = 1 - 2^{-(n-1)}$$

# Multiscaling

- Nonlinear spectrum of decay constants

$$\lambda_n = 1 - 2^{-(n-1)}$$

- Spectrum is concave, saturates

$$\lambda_n < \lambda_m + \lambda_{n-m}$$

- Each moment has a distinct behavior

$$\frac{M_n}{M_m M_{n-m}} \rightarrow \infty \quad \text{as} \quad t \rightarrow \infty$$

**Multiscaling Asymptotic Behavior**

# The Fourier transform

- The Fourier transform  $F(k) = \int dv e^{ikv} P(v, t)$

- Obeys closed, nonlinear, nonlocal equation

$$\frac{\partial F(k)}{\partial t} + F(k) = F^2(k/2)$$

- Scaling behavior, scale set by second moment

$$F(k, t) \rightarrow f(k e^{-\lambda t}) \quad \lambda = \frac{\lambda_2}{2} = \frac{1}{4}$$

- Nonlinear differential equation

$$-\lambda z f'(z) + f(z) = f^2(z/2) \quad \begin{array}{l} f(0) = 1 \\ f'(0) = 0 \end{array}$$

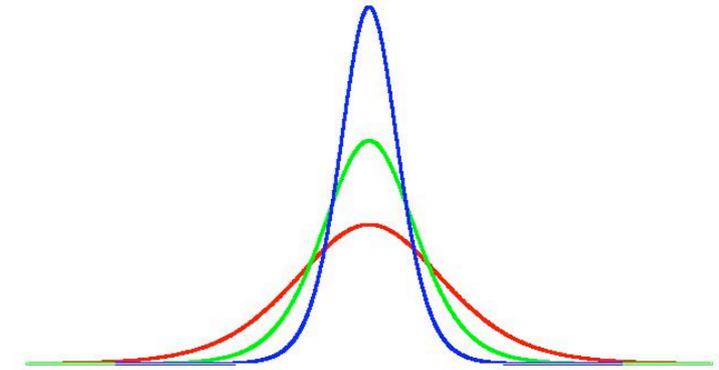
- Solution

$$f(z) = (1 + |z|)e^{-|z|}$$

# The velocity distribution

- Self-similar form

$$P(v, t) \rightarrow e^{\lambda t} p(v e^{\lambda t})$$



- Obtained by inverse Fourier transform

$$p(w) = \frac{2}{\pi} \frac{1}{(1 + w^2)^2}$$

- Power-law tail

$$p(w) \sim w^{-4}$$

1. Temperature is the characteristic velocity scale
2. Multiscaling is consequence of diverging moments of the power-law similarity function

# Stationary Solutions

- Stationary solutions do exist!

$$F(k) = F^2(k/2)$$

- Family of exponential solutions

$$F(k) = \exp(-kv_0)$$

- Lorentz/Cauchy distribution

$$P(v) = \frac{1}{\pi v_0} \frac{1}{1 + (v/v_0)^2}$$

**How is a stationary solution consistent with energy dissipation?**

# Extreme Statistics

- Large velocities, cascade process

$$v \rightarrow \left( \frac{v}{2}, \frac{v}{2} \right) \xrightarrow{(v_1, v_2)} \left( \frac{v_1 + v_2}{2}, \frac{v_1 + v_2}{2} \right)$$

- Linear evolution equation

$$\frac{\partial P(v)}{\partial t} = 4P\left(\frac{v}{2}\right) - P(v)$$

- Steady-state: power-law distribution

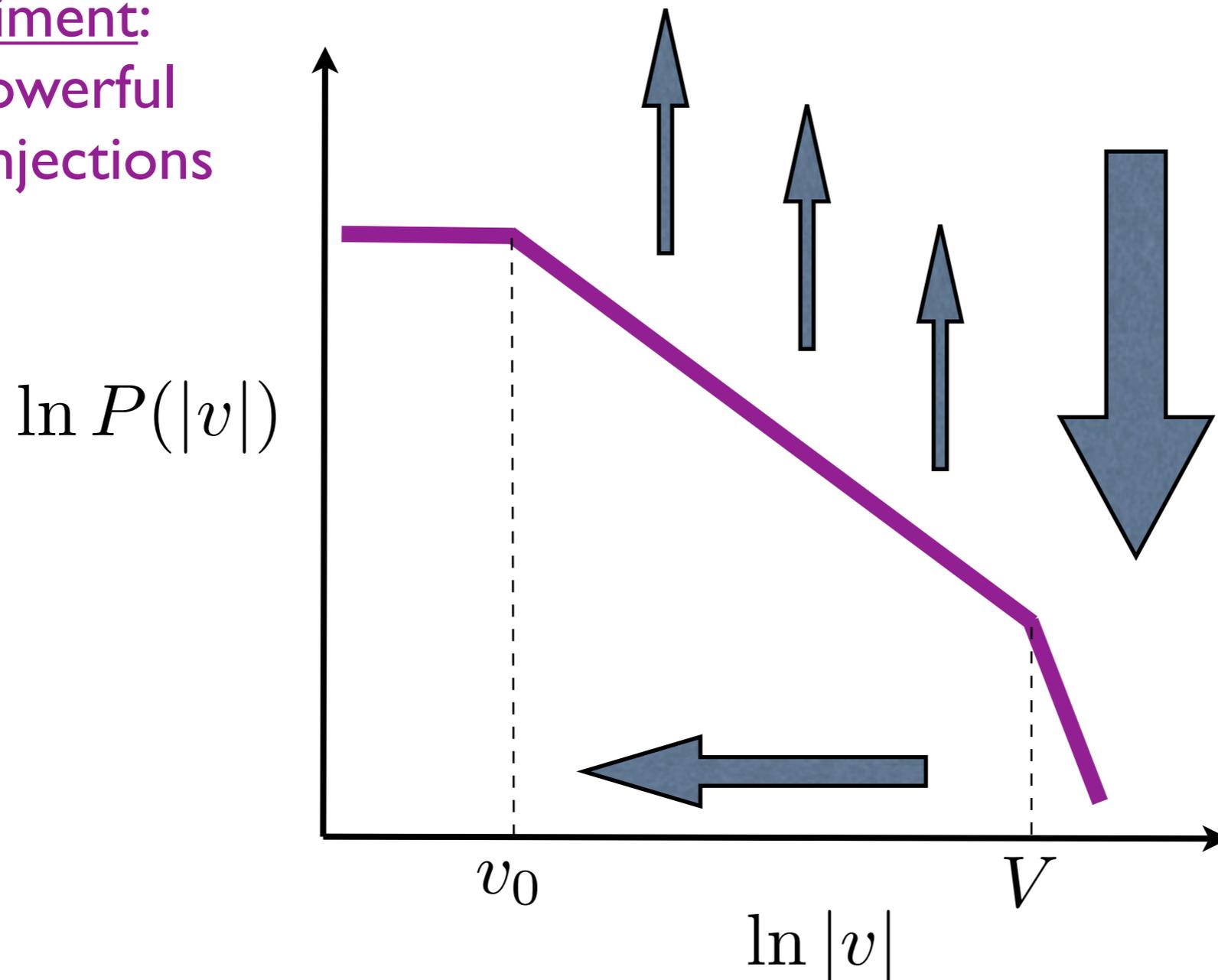
$$P(v) \sim v^{-2} \qquad 4P\left(\frac{v}{2}\right) = P(v)$$

- Divergent energy, divergent dissipation rate

# Injection, Cascade, Dissipation

Experiment:  
rare, powerful  
energy injections

Lottery MC:  
award one particle  
all dissipated energy



**Injection selects the typical scale!**

# I. Conclusions

- Moments exhibit multiscaling
- Distribution function is self-similar
- Power-law tail
- Stationary solution with infinite energy exists
- Driven steady-state
- Energy cascade

# II. Restricted Averaging

# The compromise process

- Opinion measured by a continuum variable

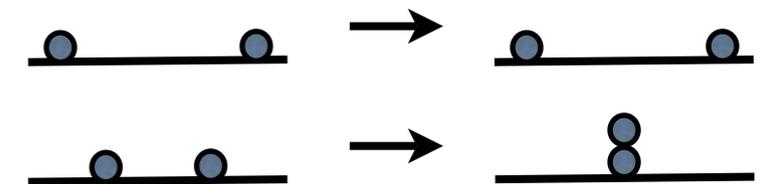
$$-\Delta < x < \Delta$$

- Compromise: reached by pairwise interactions

$$(x_1, x_2) \rightarrow \left( \frac{x_1 + x_2}{2}, \frac{x_1 + x_2}{2} \right)$$

- Conviction: restricted interaction range

$$|x_1 - x_2| < 1$$



- Minimal, one parameter model
- Mimics competition between compromise and conviction

# Problem set-up

- Given uniform initial (un-normalized) distribution

$$P_0(x) = \begin{cases} 1 & |x| < \Delta \\ 0 & |x| > \Delta \end{cases}$$

- Find final distribution

$$P_\infty(x) = ?$$

- Multitude of final steady-states

$$P_0(x) = \sum_{i=1}^N m_i \delta(x - x_i) \quad |x_i - x_j| > 1$$

- Dynamics selects one (deterministically)

Multiple localized clusters

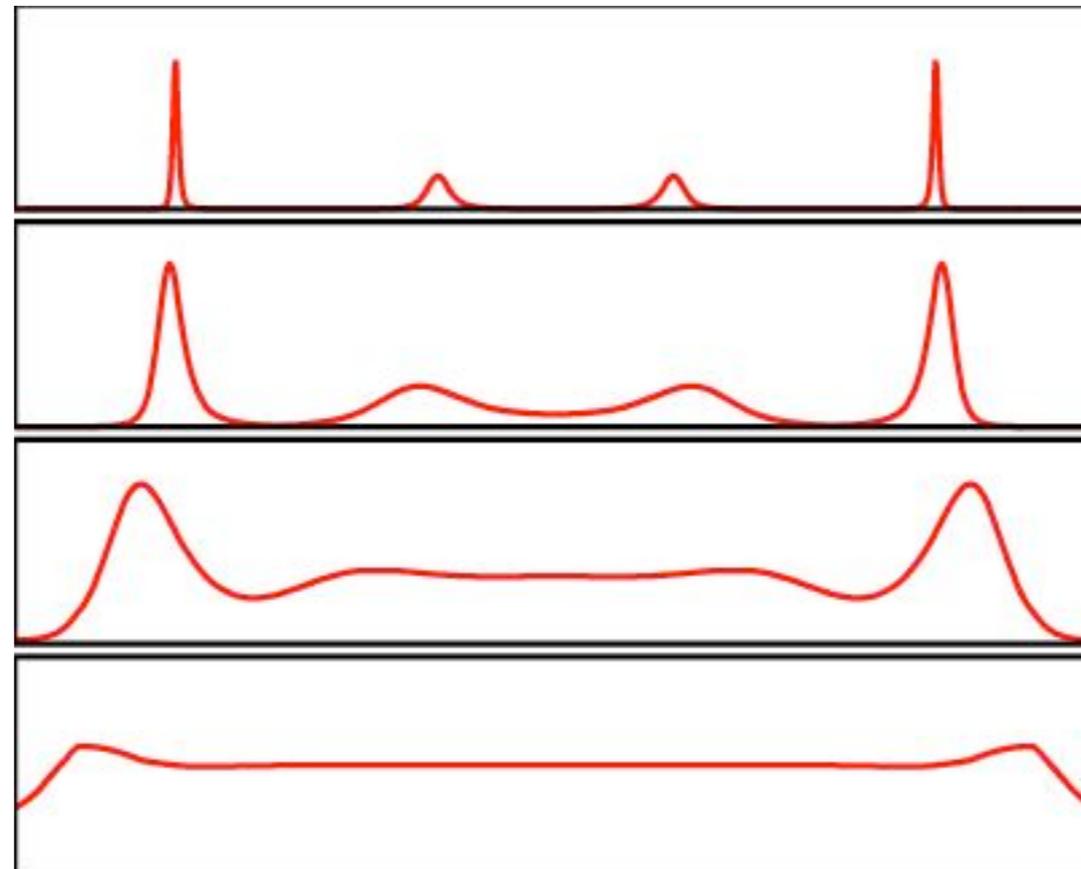
# Numerical methods, kinetic theory

- Same master equation, restricted integration

$$\frac{\partial P(x, t)}{\partial t} = \iint_{|x_1 - x_2| < 1} dx_1 dx_2 P(x_1, t) P(x_2, t) \left[ \delta \left( x - \frac{x_1 + x_2}{2} \right) - \delta(x - x_1) \right]$$

Direct Monte Carlo simulation of stochastic process

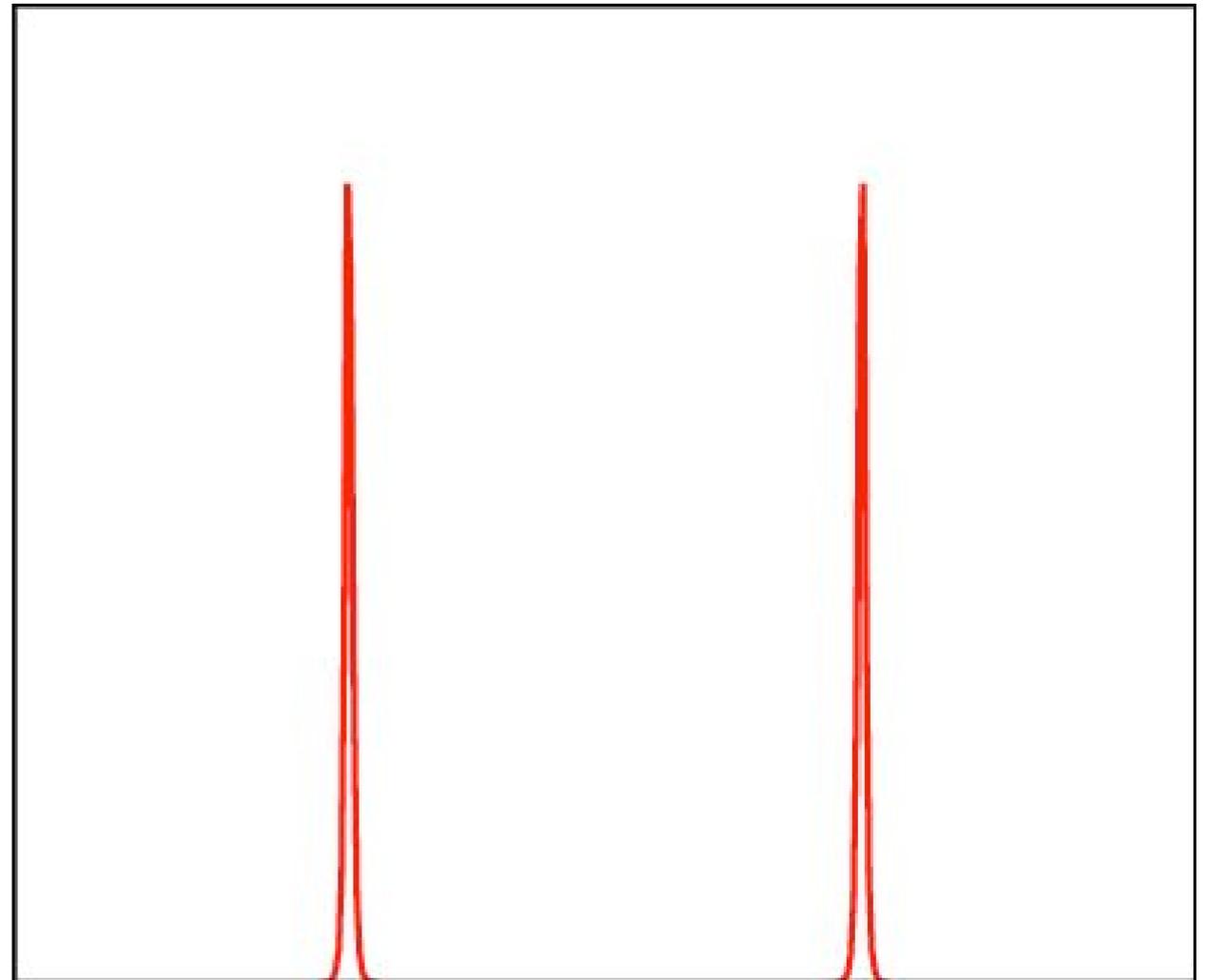
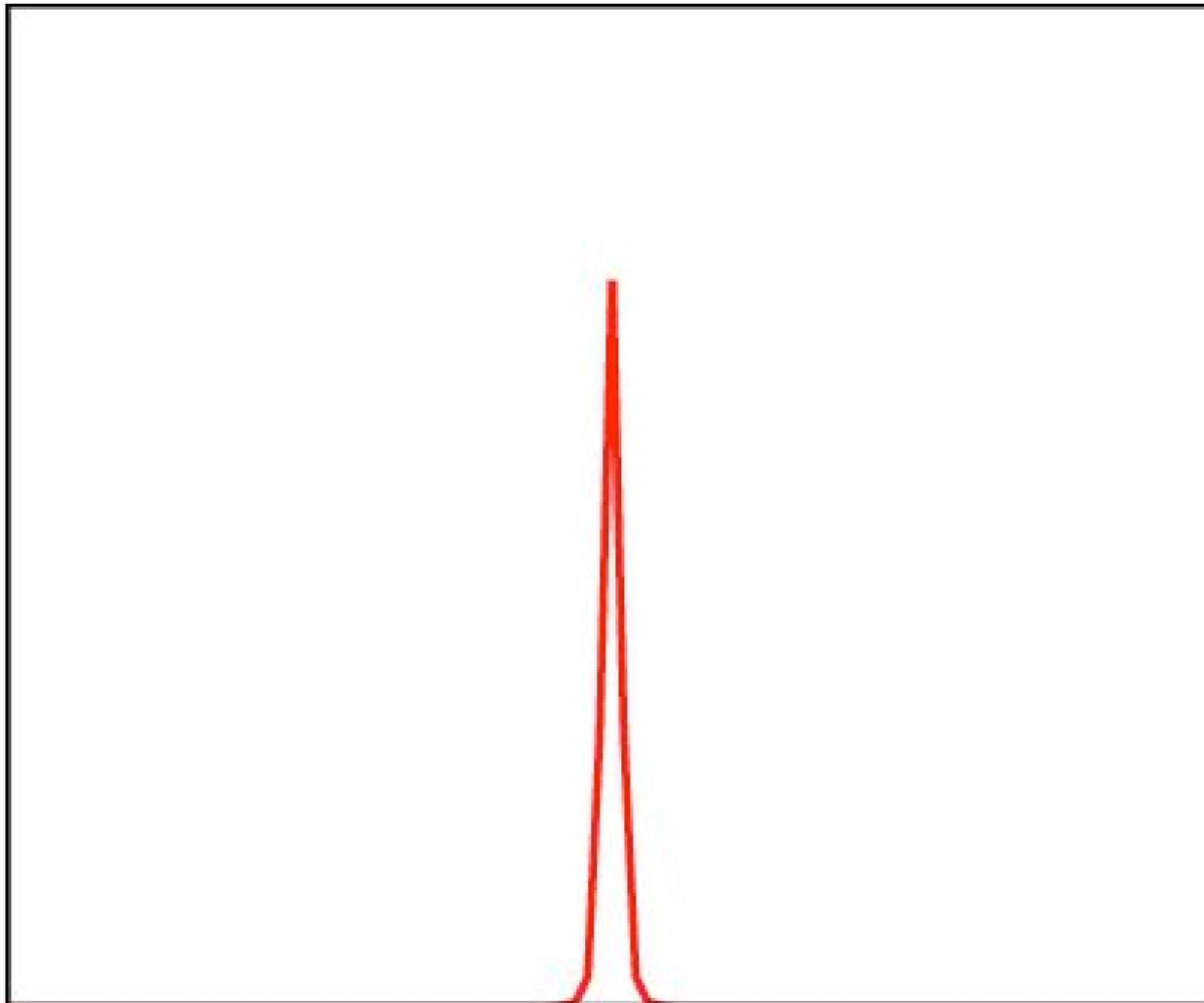
- Numerical integration of rate equations



# Rise and fall of central party

$$0 < \Delta < 1.871$$

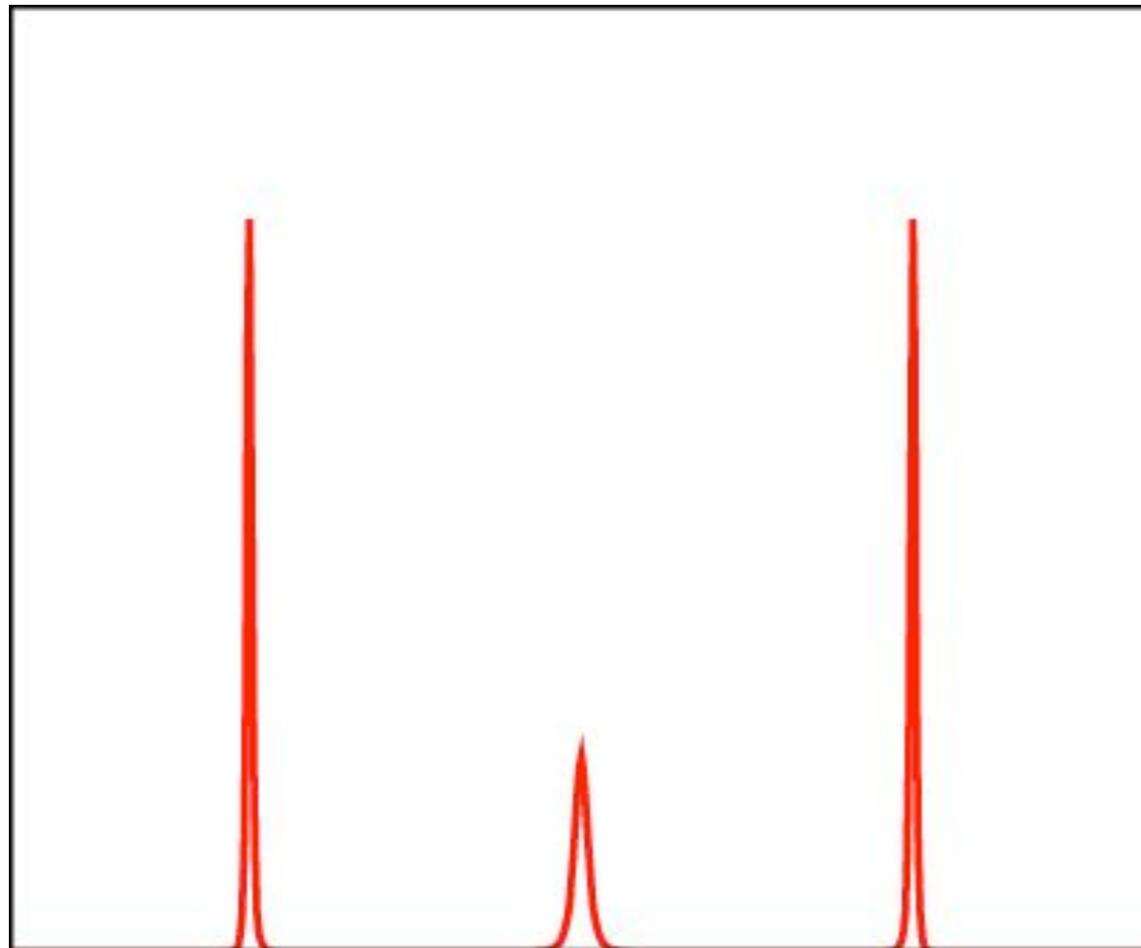
$$1.871 < \Delta < 2.724$$



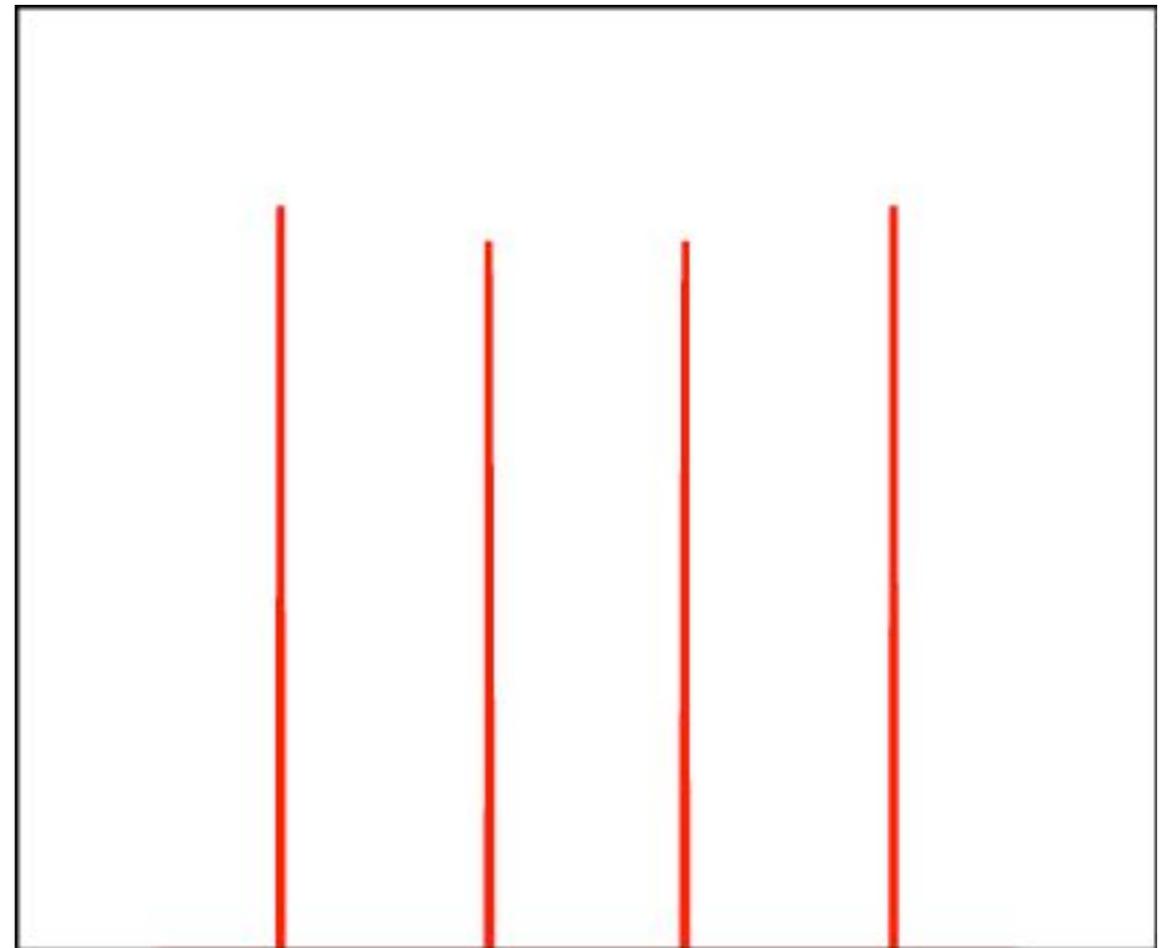
**Central party may or may not exist!**

# Resurrection of central party

$$2.724 < \Delta < 4.079$$

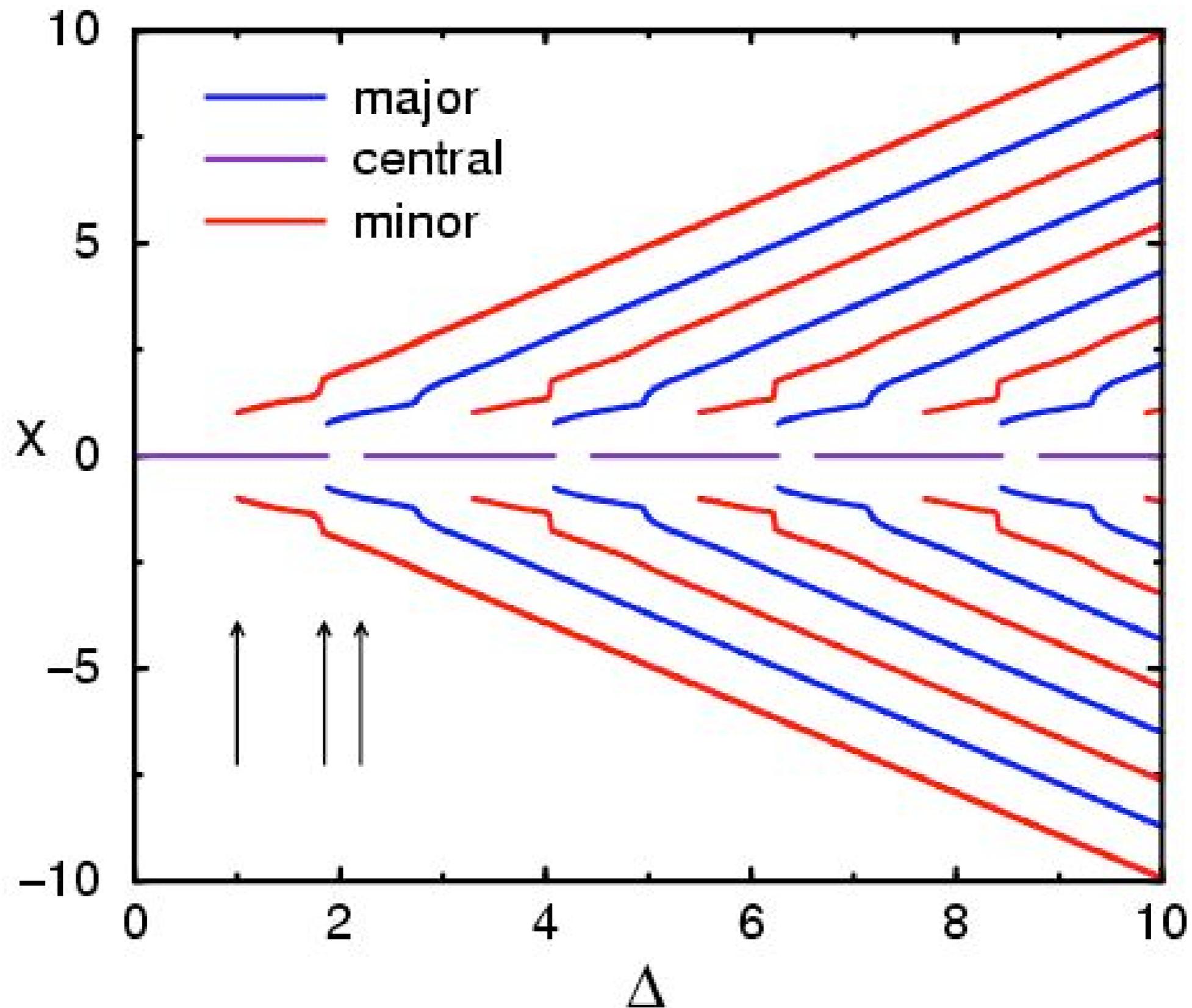


$$4.079 < \Delta < 4.956$$



Parties may or may not be equal in size

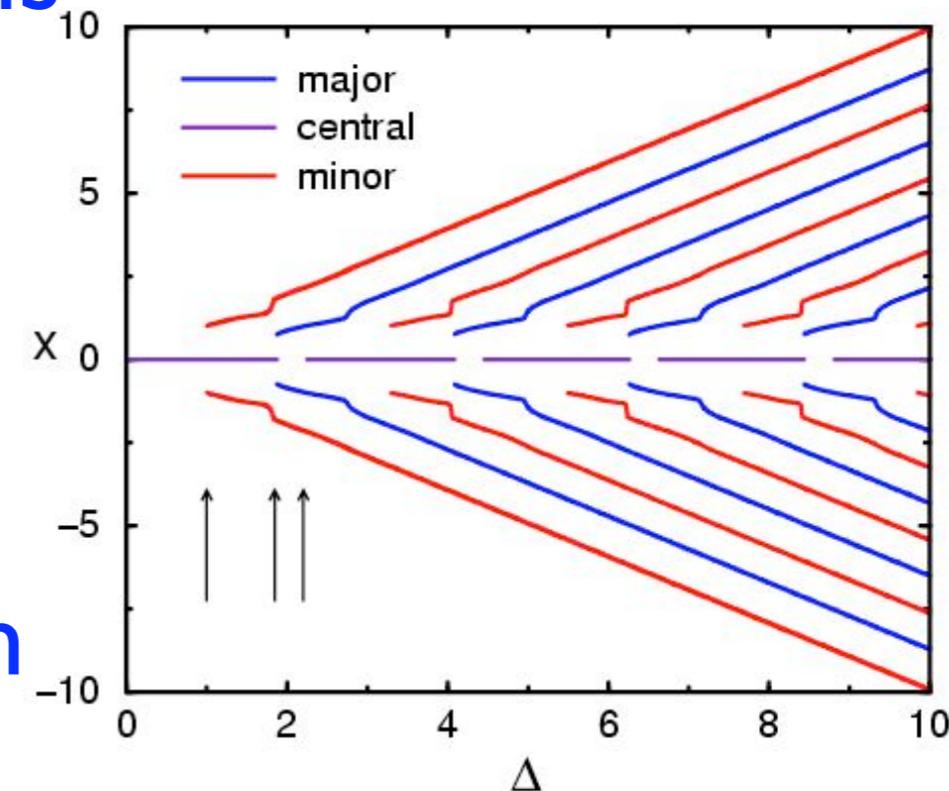
# Bifurcations and Patterns



# Self-similar structure, universality

- **Periodic sequence of bifurcations**

1. Nucleation of minor cluster branch
2. Nucleation of major cluster brunch
3. Nucleation of central cluster



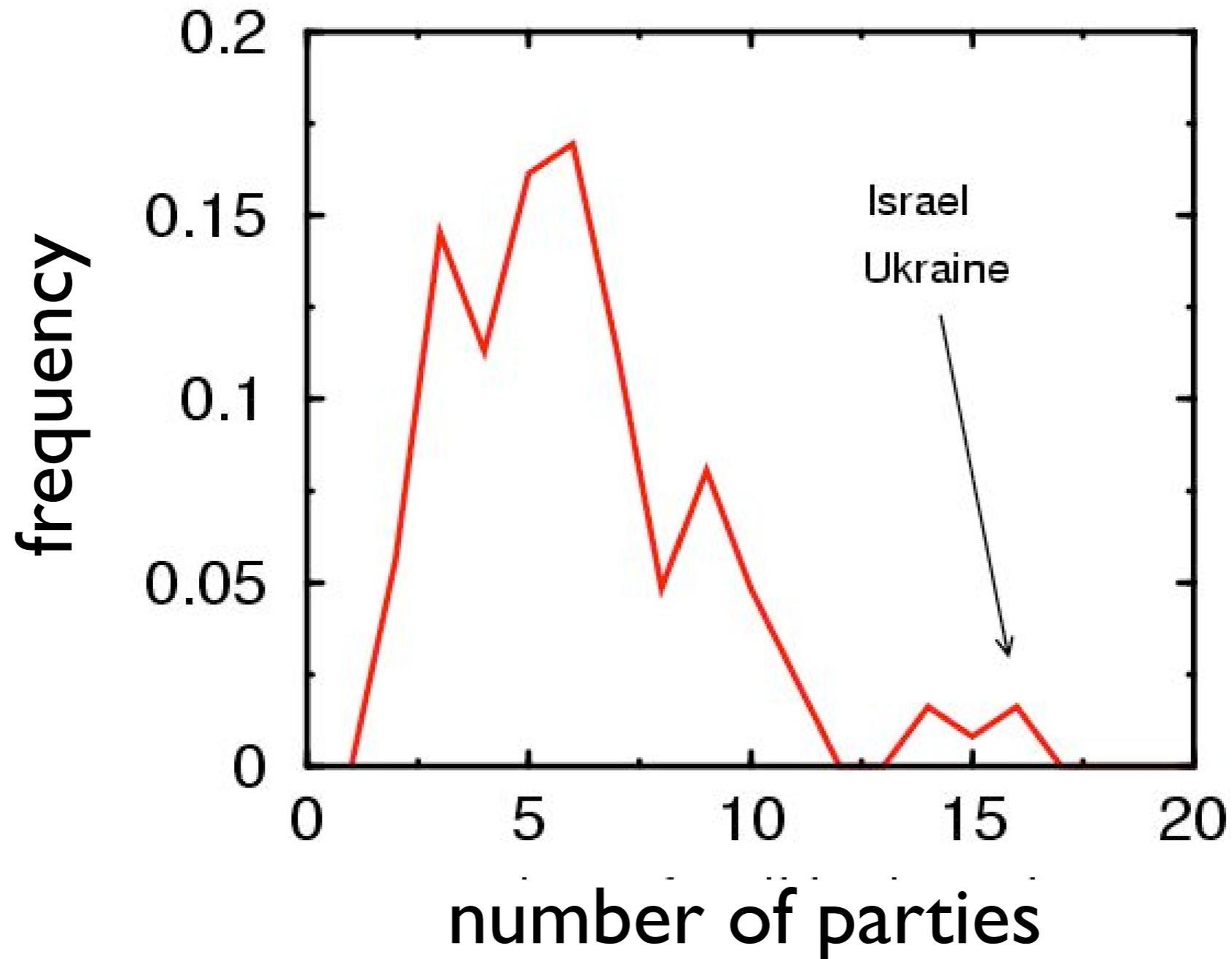
- **Alternating major-minor pattern**

- **Clusters are equally spaced**

- **Period  $L$  gives major cluster mass, separation**

$$x(\Delta) = x(\Delta) + L \quad L = 2.155$$

# How many political parties?



- Data: CIA world factbook 2002
- 120 countries with multi-party parliaments
- Average=5.8; Standard deviation=2.9

# Cluster mass

- Masses are periodic

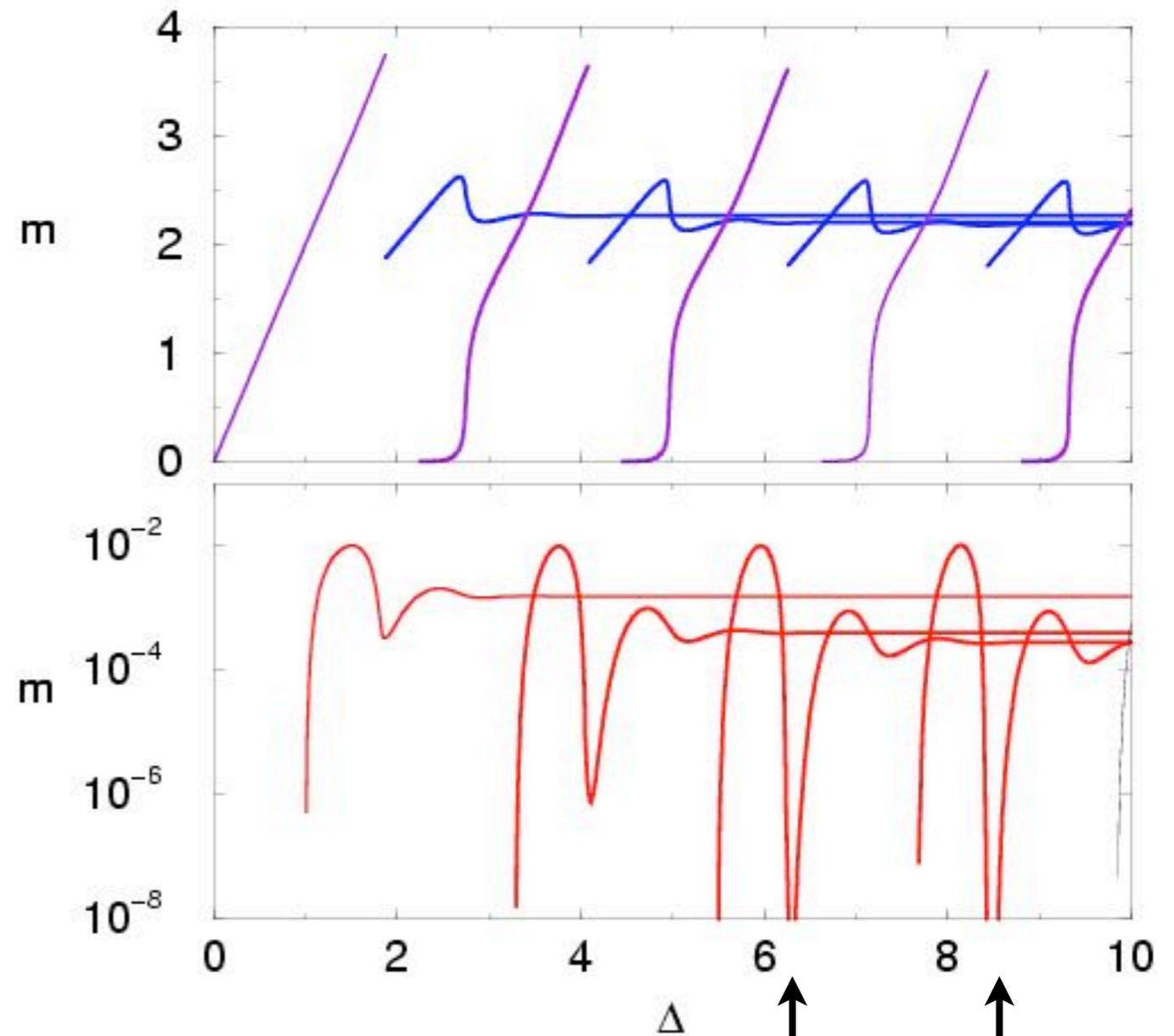
$$m(\Delta) = m(\Delta + L)$$

- Major mass

$$M \rightarrow L = 2.155$$

- Minor mass

$$m \rightarrow 3 \times 10^{-4}$$



Why are the minor clusters so small?

gaps?

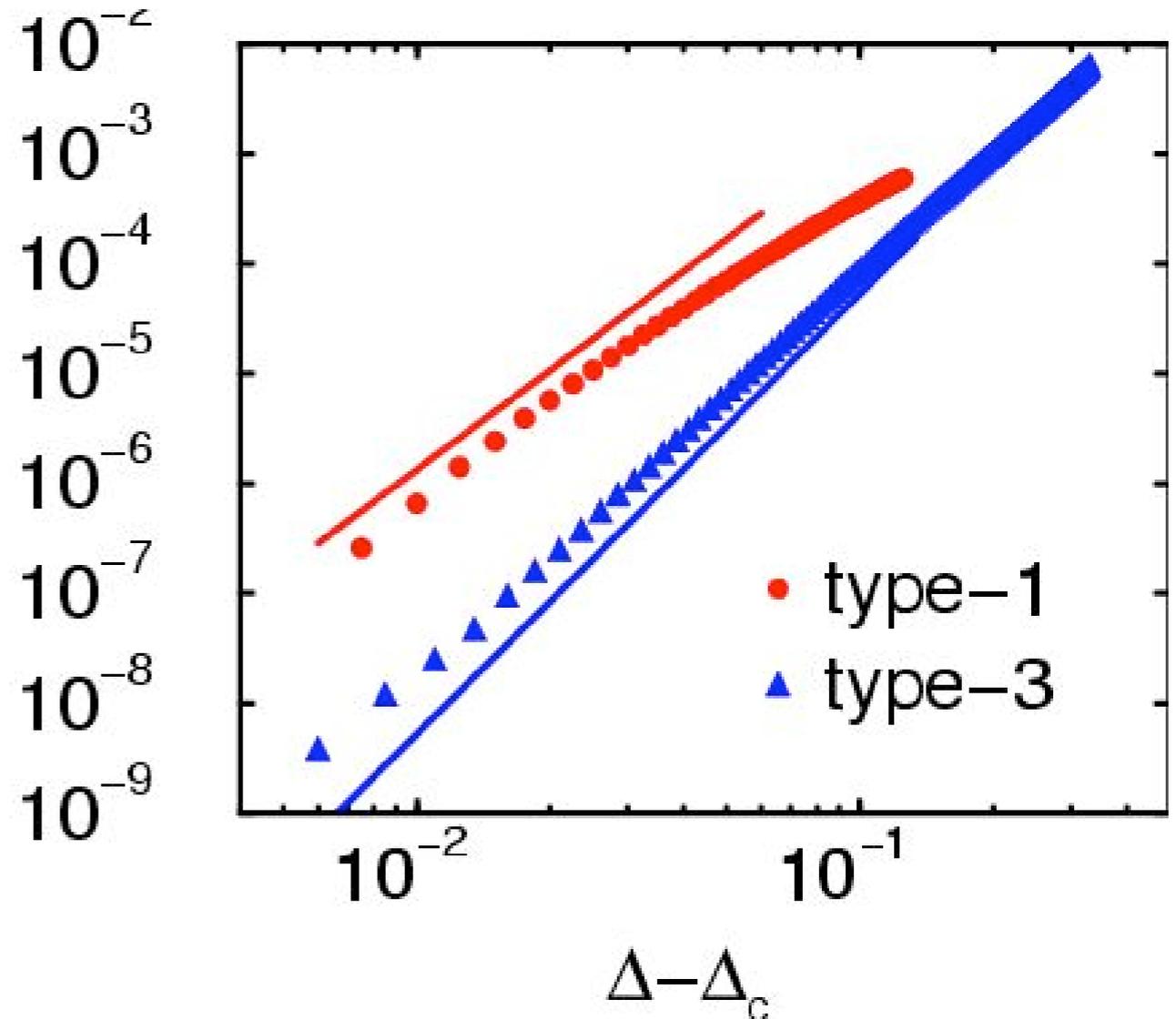
# Scaling near bifurcation points

- Minor mass vanishes

$$m \sim (\Delta - \Delta_c)^\alpha$$

- Universal exponent  $m$

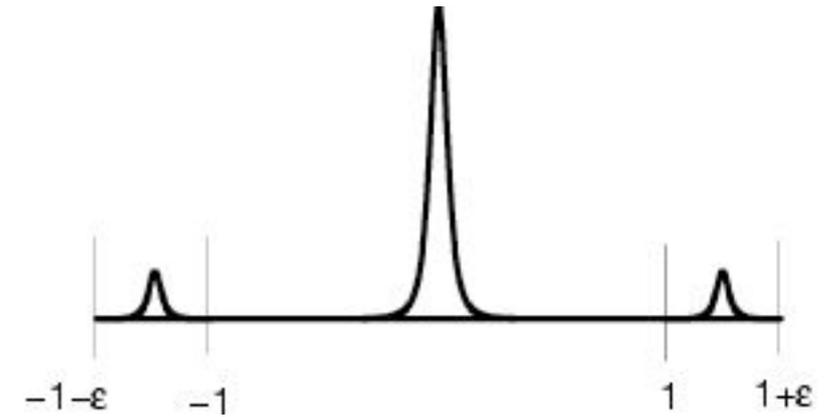
$$\alpha = \begin{cases} 3 & \text{type1} \\ 4 & \text{type3} \end{cases}$$



L-2 is the small parameter  
explains small saturation mass

# Heuristic derivation of exponent

- Perturbation theory  $\Delta = 1 + \epsilon$
- Major cluster  $x(\infty) = 0$
- Minor cluster  $x(\infty) = \pm(1 + \epsilon/2)$



- Rate of transfer from minor cluster to major cluster

$$\frac{dm}{dt} = -m M \longrightarrow m \sim \epsilon e^{-t}$$

- Process stops when

$$x \sim e^{-t_f/2} \sim \epsilon \qquad \langle x^2 \rangle \sim e^{-t}$$

- Final mass of minor cluster

$$m(\infty) \sim m(t_f) \sim \epsilon^3 \qquad \alpha = 3$$

# Pattern selection

- Linear stability analysis

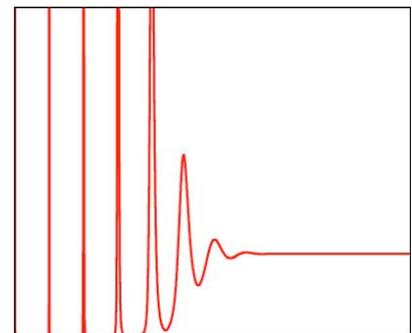
$$P - 1 \propto e^{i(kx+wt)} \implies w(k) = \frac{8}{k} \sin \frac{k}{2} - \frac{2}{k} \sin k - 2$$

- Fastest growing mode

$$\frac{dw}{dk} \implies L = \frac{2\pi}{k} = 2.2515$$

- Traveling wave (FKPP saddle point analysis)

$$\frac{dw}{dk} = \frac{\text{Im}(w)}{\text{Im}(k)} \implies L = \frac{2\pi}{k} = 2.0375$$



Patterns induced by wave propagation from boundary  
However, emerging period is different

$$2.0375 < L < 2.2515$$

**Pattern selection is intrinsically nonlinear**

# II. Conclusions

- Clusters form via bifurcations
- Periodic structure
- Alternating major-minor pattern
- Central party does not always exist
- Power-law behavior near transitions
- Nonlinear pattern selection

# III. Diffusive Averaging

# Diffusive Forcing

Two independent competing processes

## 1. Averaging (nonlinear)

$$(v_1, v_2) \rightarrow \left( \frac{v_1 + v_2}{2}, \frac{v_1 + v_2}{2} \right)$$

## 2. Random uncorrelated white noise (linear)

$$\frac{dv_j}{dt} = \eta_j(t) \quad \langle \eta_j(t) \eta_j(t') \rangle = 2D\delta(t - t')$$

- Add diffusion term to equation (Fourier space)

$$(1 + Dk^2)F(k) = F^2(k/2)$$

System reaches a nontrivial steady-state  
Energy injection balances dissipation

# Infinite product solution

- Solution by iteration

$$F(k) = \frac{1}{1 + Dk^2} F^2(k/2) = \frac{1}{1 + Dk^2} \frac{1}{(1 + D(k/2)^2)^2} F^4(k/4) = \dots$$

- Infinite product solution

$$F(k) = \prod_{i=0}^{\infty} [1 + D(k/2^i)^2]^{-2^i}$$

- Exponential tail  $v \rightarrow \infty$

$$P(v) \propto \exp\left(-|v|/\sqrt{D}\right) \quad P(k) \propto \frac{1}{1 + Dk^2}$$
$$\propto \frac{1}{k - i/\sqrt{D}}$$

- Also follows from

$$D \frac{\partial^2 P(v)}{\partial v^2} = -P(v)$$

Non-Maxwellian distribution/Overpopulated tails

# Cumulant solution

- **Steady-state equation**

$$F(k)(1 + Dk^2) = F^2(k/2)$$

- **Take the logarithm**  $\psi(k) = \ln F(k)$

$$\psi(k) + \ln(1 + Dk^2) = 2\psi(k/2)$$

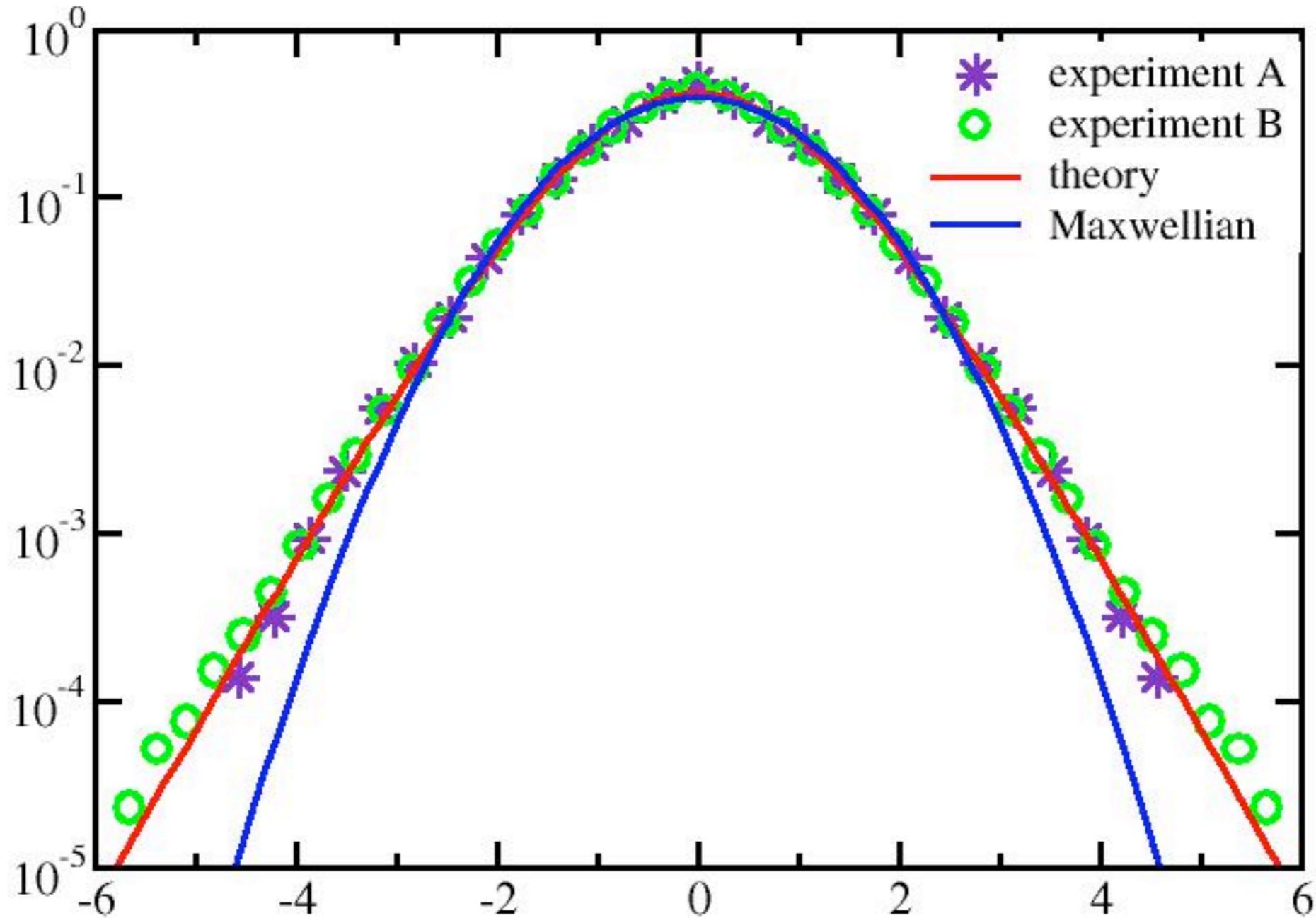
- **Cumulant solution**

$$F(k) = \exp \left[ \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \psi_n (-Dk^2)^n / n \right]$$

- **Generalized fluctuation-dissipation relations**

$$\psi_n = \lambda_n^{-1} = [1 - 2^{1-n}]^{-1}$$

# Experiment



“A shaken box of marbles”

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Aronson 05

# III. Conclusions

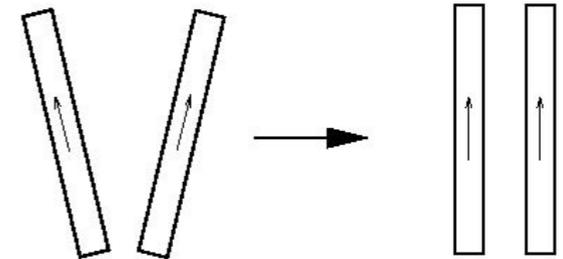
- Nonequilibrium steady-states
- Energy pumped and dissipated by different mechanisms
- Overpopulation of high-energy tail with respect to equilibrium distribution

# IV. Orientational Averaging

# Orientational Averaging

- Each rod has an orientation

$$0 \leq \theta \leq \pi$$



- Alignment by pairwise interactions

$$(\theta_1, \theta_2) \rightarrow \begin{cases} \left( \frac{\theta_1 + \theta_2}{2}, \frac{\theta_1 + \theta_2}{2} \right) & |\theta_1 - \theta_2| < \pi \\ \left( \frac{\theta_1 + \theta_2 + 2\pi}{2}, \frac{\theta_1 + \theta_2 + 2\pi}{2} \right) & |\theta_1 - \theta_2| > \pi \end{cases}$$

- Diffusive wiggling

$$\frac{d\theta_j}{dt} = \eta_j(t) \quad \langle \eta_j(t) \eta_j(t') \rangle = 2D\delta(t - t')$$

- Kinetic theory

$$\frac{\partial P}{\partial t} = D \frac{\partial^2 P}{\partial \theta^2} + \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} d\phi P \left( \theta - \frac{\phi}{2} \right) P \left( \theta + \frac{\phi}{2} \right) - P.$$

# Fourier analysis

- Fourier transform

$$P_k = \langle e^{-ik\theta} \rangle = \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} d\theta e^{-ik\theta} P(\theta)$$

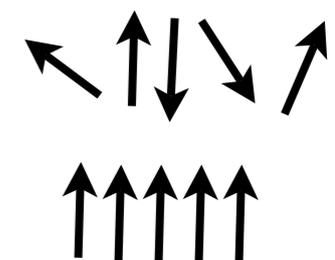
$$P(\theta) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} P_k e^{ik\theta}$$

- Order parameter

$$R = |\langle e^{i\theta} \rangle| = |P_{-1}|$$

- Probes state of system

$$R = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{disordered state} \\ 1 & \text{perfectly ordered state} \end{cases}$$

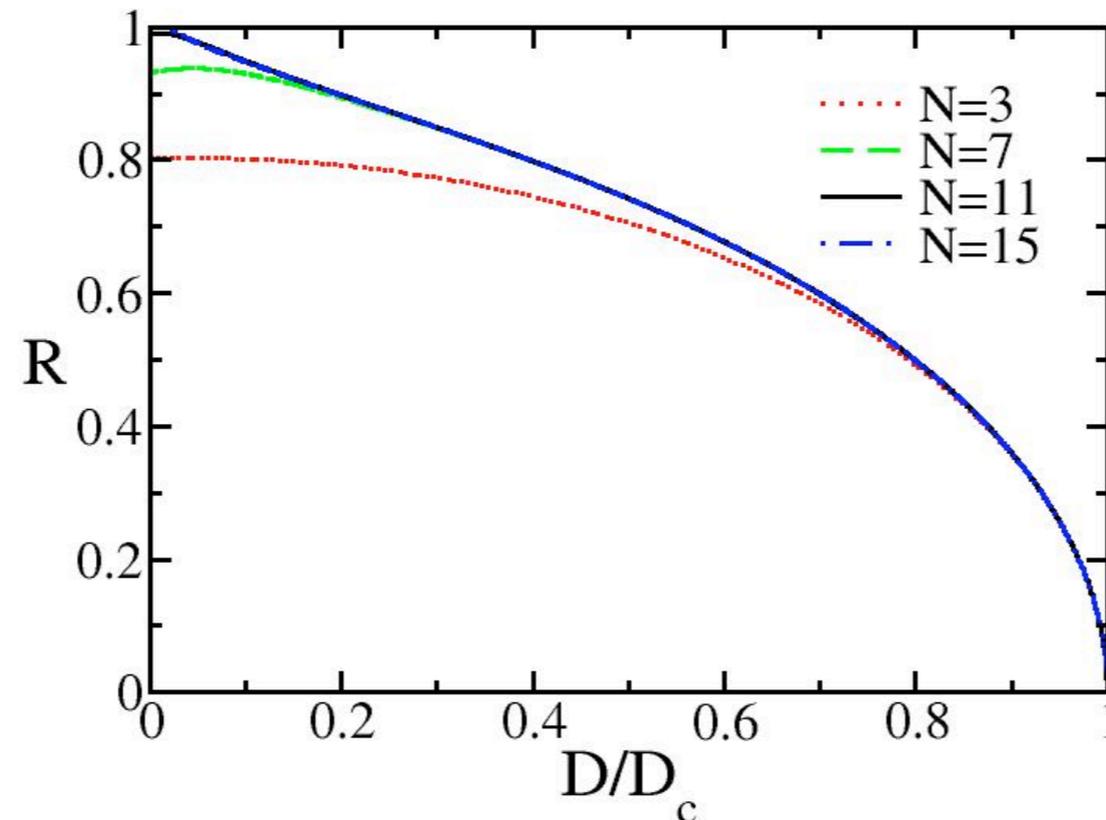


- Closed equation for Fourier modes

$$P_k = \sum_{i+j=k} G_{i,j} P_i P_j \quad G_{i,j} = 0 \quad \text{when} \quad |i-j| = 2n$$

# Nonequilibrium phase transition

- Critical diffusion constant  $D_c = \frac{4}{\pi} - 1$
- Subcritical: ordered phase  $R > 0$
- Supercritical: disordered phase  $R = 0$
- Critical behavior  $R \sim (D_c - D)^{1/2}$

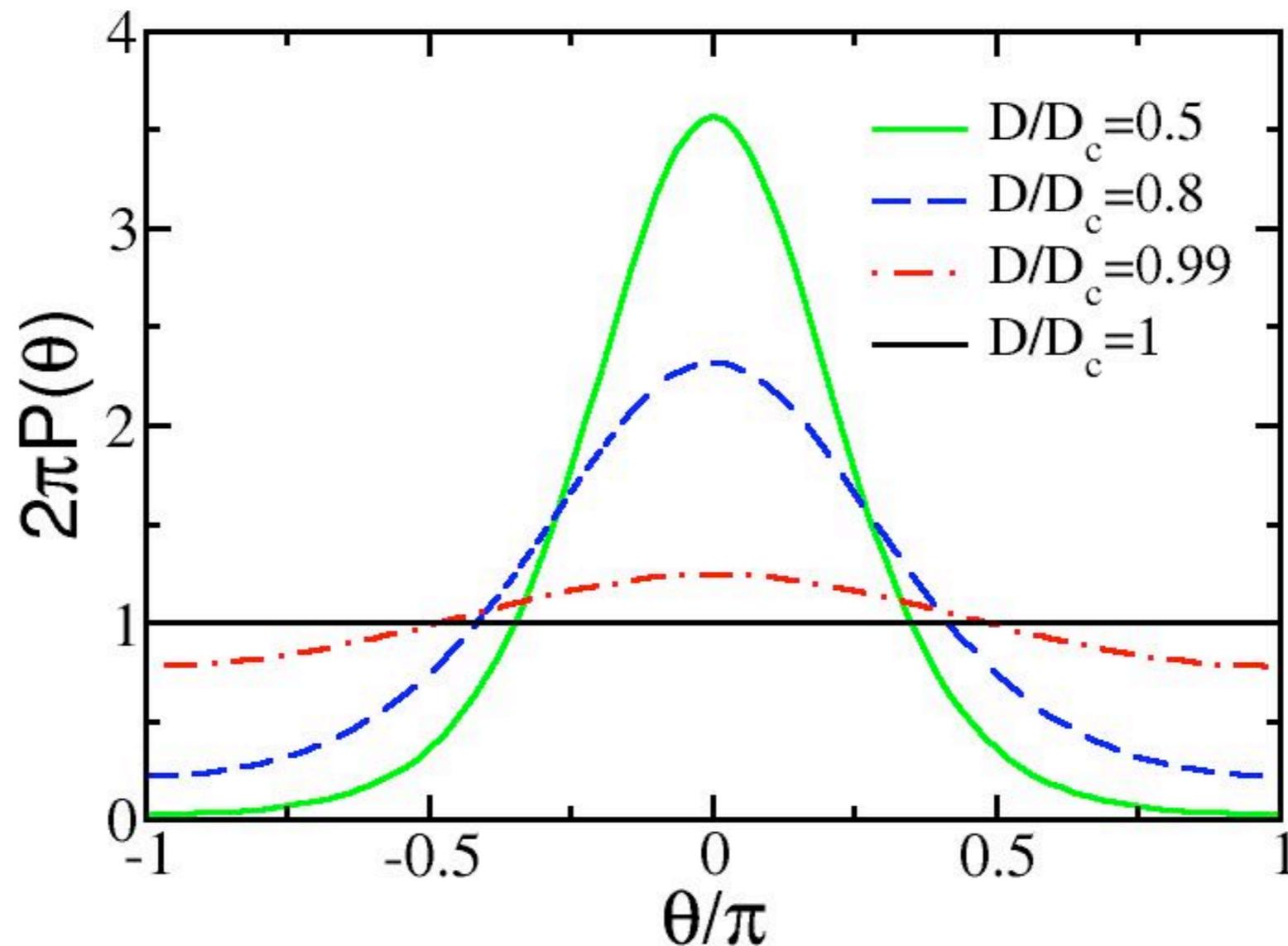


# Distribution of orientation

- Fourier modes decay exponentially with R

$$P_k \sim R^k$$

- Small number of modes sufficient



# Partition of Integers

- Iterate the Fourier equation

$$P_k = \sum_{i+j=k} G_{i,j} P_i P_j = \sum_{i+j=k} \sum_{l+m=j} G_{i,j} G_{l,m} P_i P_l P_m = \dots$$

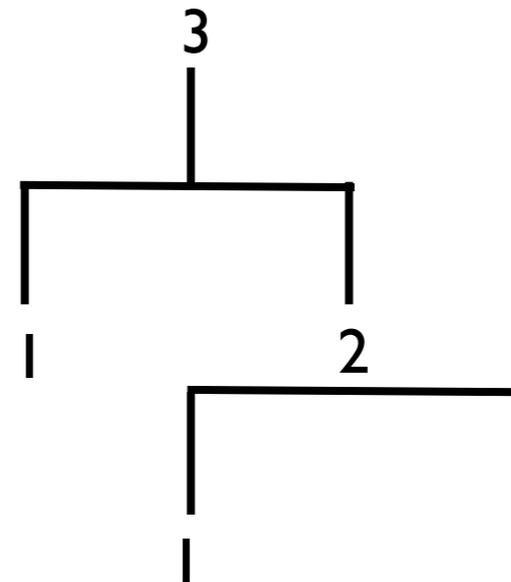
- Series solution

$$R = r_3 R^3 + r_5 R^5 + \dots$$

$$r_3 = G_{1,2} G_{1,1}$$

## Partition rules

$$\begin{array}{l} k = i + j \\ i \neq 0 \\ j \neq 0 \\ G_{i,j} \neq 0 \end{array}$$



# Experiments



“A shaken dish of toothpicks”

# IV. Conclusions

- Nonequilibrium phase transition
- Weak noise: ordered phase (nematic)
- Strong noise: disordered phase
- Solution relates to iterated partition of integers
- Only when Fourier spectrum is discrete: exact solution possible for arbitrary averaging rates